

HOUSE DISSOLVED— ELECTION FEB. 2ND

Legislature Convened for March 7th.—Liberal Leader Macdonald Will Probably Have Support of W. W. B. McInnes.

The gauge of battle has at last been thrown by Premier McBride, and the opportunity for which not only Liberals but many Conservatives, weary of government dictated by rampant Socialism, and abetted by a "band of adventurers, male and female," have eagerly waited, has finally arrived. From now until the 2nd of February the campaign will be ceaselessly waged, and in those ridings where candidates have not been formally chosen this will be attended to without delay.

To that great body of the electorate who feel that a more efficient and sane administration of affairs can be secured by the return to power of the party led by J. A. Macdonald, the situation is full of hope. Mr. Macdonald himself came to the House and party almost a stranger, but so rapidly has he gained in public confidence and favor that he is to-day the ablest debater in the legislature, the most merciless critic of defective legislation, and at the same time holds the confidence and esteem of every one of the men in the party which he leads.

Behind him are ranged men like John Oliver of Delta, T. W. Paterson of the Islands, Chas. Munro of Chilliwack, the "solid four from the city," and many others who might be named, who contribute a following which even in opposition has compelled the government to accept on many occasions its wishes.

This loyal band of supporters is likely to be augmented by another—a man whose name is a household word in the West and who by his brilliant administration of affairs, in one of the most difficult fields in the Dominion has greatly added to the high reputation he had already established as a member of the Commons in the province. The gentleman in question, Hon. W. W. B. McInnes, commissioner of the Yukon, is at present in New York, but it may be confidently predicted that in a little over a week's time he will be back to British Columbia and will assume his old place in political warfare—namely, in the forefront of the fighting line.

Mr. McInnes is the most magnetic political speaker in the province, and will be a tower of strength to his leader and to the party generally. He will, if he enters the list, in all probability make a tour of the province in company with Leader Macdonald.

Nominations—January 19th Elections—February 2nd Legislature—March 7th

Premier McBride has at last taken the step he has long wished to take, but has not had the courage to finally decide upon. This step was the asking of a dissolution of the legislature with the consequent appeal to the country. Under the circumstances it was not surprising that the Premier hesitated long before coming to a decision, the situation in the country being such that the obtaining of a dissolution meant, it is admitted, the courting of defeat at the polls.

On Monday Mr. Hon. the Lieutenant Governor granted Premier McBride a dissolution with nominations for the new parliament on January 19th and elections on February 2nd.

In due course the writs are made returnable on or before March 2nd, and the new parliament is called to meet Thursday, March 7th.

An extra Gazette containing this information was issued Monday. The political fight may now be considered on in earnest, and constituencies which have not yet selected their party representatives will have to act quickly.

The retirement of R. F. Green from the government has left the Premier in a most unenviable situation. Those in touch with political matters cannot conceive that Mr. Green's retirement was the voluntary act which it is described by those most directly interested. In fact it may be regarded as a throwing overboard of a valued colleague to propitiate public indignation against the lands and works department. It is believed in fact that the chief commissioner up to a few hours before his resignation went in was as full of hope politically as any of the members of the government. He discussed matters connected with his office and future plans on Saturday afternoon with no indication that anything was pending.

Last Saturday evening, however, the step was taken, the impression prevailing that Vancouver Conservatives were directly responsible. There has been a very antagonistic spirit shown by a large section of the Vancouver Liberal-Conservatives to Mr. Green. It is doubted whether the chief commissioner's colleague, Hon. F. Carter Cotton, made any very strenuous efforts to crush this feeling of opposition out. Those Vancouver Conservatives, after finding that their protestations against Mr. Green were unavailing and that the Premier was prepared to stand by his bosom friend and colleague, decided, it is said, to take a bolder step, and they gave Hon. Mr. McBride the choice between the party support in the Terminal City or the assistance of Mr. Green.

The Premier, although loath to part with the chief commissioner, could do nothing but accede to the wishes of the party in Vancouver. The result was the resignation of Mr. Green, who suddenly found private life luring him from office.

Premier McBride endorses the course followed by Mr. Green in the latter's administration of affairs during his term of office. This is undoubtedly a heavy load to carry in facing the country. If the Vancouver Conservatives and party supporters in other parts of the province could not think of facing the election with Mr. Green and his record in office it is difficult to understand how the Premier expects to succeed by shouldering the burden himself without any assistance from Mr. Green.

WINTER IN ENGLAND.

Two inches of Snow in Metropolis—Schooners Wrecked on Coast During Storm.

(Associated Press.) London, Dec. 26.—The British metropolis is covered with two inches of snow, and advices from the country districts announce that deep drifts are interfering with the distribution of the mails and railway traffic. Several schooners have been wrecked on the coast during blinding snowstorms. The steamer Hazeldeen struck a rock and sank off Cloughy. The lifeboat men succeeded in rescuing the crew after an exciting experience. Another lifeboat made a similar rescue of the crew of the schooner Ringleader, wrecked off Dungeness.

CAPT. NEWCOMBE REINSTATED.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The department of marine told your correspondent to-day that Captain Newcombe, of the Kestrel, Vancouver, had been reinstated in his position. He was under suspension.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS HERE

SERVICES WERE HELD IN MANY CHURCHES

Numerous Christmas Trees and Christmas Treats Will Be Held This Evening.

The anniversary of the day which ushered peace and goodwill into this world some two thousand years ago, was observed very quietly throughout the city yesterday. In the morning, early, where the children of the household rendered sleep impossible, their elders kept the phones busy exchanging the accustomed Christmas greetings with their friends and neighbors. All day long the voices of salutations were heard upon the streets.

In the morning religious services were held in the Anglican churches, the Roman Catholic cathedral and the Metropolitan Methodist church. In the afternoon Rugby and Association football games attracted many of the local football weather made the day an ideal one for an outing, and the streets of the city and the roads in the vicinity were thronged by happy crowds of pedestrians, as well as by vehicles of all descriptions.

Christmas parcels made the day a heavy one for the postmen. A parcel delivery took place in the morning, and the "regular" carriers were assisted by special messengers to the service. The express companies' delivery wagons also made a tour with belated Christmas parcels.

All trains on the E. & N. were cancelled, so that the trainmen in common with "the world and his wife" enjoyed a holiday.

This evening the annual entertainment of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will be held. The affair, which will be held in the Sunday school room, will include a Christmas tree and a cantata.

To-morrow no less than five entertainments will take place for the children. In the Institute hall the children of the Roman Catholic cathedral will receive their gifts. A concert will be given in the Congregational church the entertainment takes the form of a Christmas cantata, entitled "The First Christmas." In addition to the tree, at St. James hall, the Victoria West Methodist church tree and a series of magic lantern views will provide the children with their holiday treat. The First Presbyterians will hold a singing competition in addition to the regular programme. A Christmas tree is provided for the infant class. The Spring Ridge Methodist church Sunday school holds its annual Christmas treat to-morrow evening.

Rev. G. K. B. Adams, minister of St. Andrew's, in addition to a programme by the children the proverbial tree will be provided, which has been decorated in a manner to excite the interest of every child.

In Emmanuel Baptist church a special concert in aid of the church debt will be given by the choir. An interesting programme of musical and dramatics has been provided.

In all its beauty and impressiveness, high mass at midnight on Monday ushered in the dawn of another Christmas in the Roman Catholic cathedral. Perhaps no ceremony is more exalted than the stately Christmas mass, with its lofty music and dignified ritual. His Grace, attended by the officiating priests and choir boys, advanced to the altar to the strains of the processional, "Christ is Risen," of Dresler, rendered by the organ, assisted by a orchestra of eight pieces. The mass itself was the setting by Marso, the service closing with the imposing Venite Adoremus. The Archbishop, in lieu of a sermon, addressed a few words to the congregation. He referred to the event, the celebration of which, a duty in itself, is yet the joy of almost the entire world—the birth of Christ.

The soprano solos were given by Miss Schi, the alto parts by Miss M. Keefe. The offertory "Noel" was rendered by Mr. Griffiths. Messrs. Oliver and J. G. Brown took the bass solos; Mr. E. White the tenor. The orchestra conducted by Mr. F. J. Schi consisted of eight pieces: First violin, K. Berger; second violin, S. A. Bantley; cello, M. Foot; bass violin, H. Ball; clarinet, S. Peele; flute, A. Searle; cornet, W. V. North. The organist was Professor Nagel.

GOVERNOR'S HOUSE IN YUKON BURNED

IT WAS DESTROYED ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Governor and Mrs. McInnes Lost Valuable Furniture—Total Loss Estimated at \$100,000.

(Special to the Times.) Dawson, Dec. 26.—The residence of Governor McInnes of the Yukon, better known as Government House, was burned on Christmas Day with the furniture, the loss being \$100,000.

It was probably insured through the government officials at Ottawa. It was the finest building north of Victoria, and contained much personal property belonging to Mr. and Mrs. McInnes. The fire, which started before noon, is supposed to have originated from an explosion in the furnace. There was no wind or the police barracks and garrison building adjoining might have been burned. The temperature was only zero, but the firemen were focused in ice after fighting for four hours. Only the scorching walls and gutted floors of the house are left. The building is a total wreck.

WHOLESALE EMIGRATION.

Nine Thousand of Inhabitants of Spanish Town Will Go to South America.

(Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—A cable dispatch from Madrid published here to-day, says that nine thousand of the inhabitants of the town of Dolor, which is 65 miles south of Salamanca, decided some time ago to emigrate to a body. A meeting was held on Sunday, which approved the offer of the presidents of Uruguay and Nicaragua to supply ships and funds for the transportation of the emigrants.

EQUIPMENT FOR CANADIAN RAILWAYS

CONTRACTS AMOUNT TO SIXTY-TWO MILLIONS

More Than Three Thousand Miles of New Lines Are Under Construction.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, Dec. 26.—The railroads of Canada have contracted for new equipment this year to the extent of \$62,000,000. The new lines under construction total 3,314 miles. The following expenditures are given: Canadian Pacific, \$23,000,000; Canadian Northern, \$15,000,000; Grand Trunk, \$5,000,000; Grand Trunk Pacific, \$7,000,000; Great Northern, \$10,000,000; Temiskaming and Northern Ontario, \$2,000,000.

DELAYED SLIGHTLY BY OVERSEAS MAIL

Empress of India Sailed Last Night— J. A. Mara and Daughter Passengers For Japan.

For many years past the R. M. S. Empress of India has left this port for the Orient on Christmas Day. She was, therefore, looked for yesterday. She should have left Victoria for the Far East at noon, but a delay in receiving the Overseas mail at Vancouver detained the ship and she did not take her departure until 9 o'clock at night. The India is a little late in leaving for the purpose of carrying Christmas mail for Europeans resident in the East, but included in the 186 sacks taken on at the Terminal City were many New Year's greetings from the Chinese in British Columbia to fellow countrymen in the Plover Kingdom. The Chinese New Year is on February 12th, and for the purpose of joining in the celebration of the festivities connected therewith thousands of Chinese from this continent have in recent weeks returned to their native land. They, of course, have their passports for re-entering the Dominion and on arrival here will not be obliged to pay a head tax again. The India had 509 of these passengers, 67 of whom embarked here.

In the saloon, the steamer carried 10 passengers, a rather small list, and in the intermediate 20. None of the saloon passengers boarded the steamer at the outer wharf, but there are nevertheless two Victorians aboard who are going to Japan on a pleasure tour. These passengers are J. A. Mara, president of the Victoria Board of Trade, and his daughter. They boarded the steamer at Vancouver, and expect to be away three months. During this time the duties pertaining to the office mentioned will be attended to by Vice-President Pauline.

The India carried a general cargo, the principal shipments being flour and condensed milk.

UNHAPPY MARRIAGE.

Archduke Who Renounced Family Rights to Marry Girl of His Choice Seeks Divorce.

(Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Vienna to a newspaper says Archduke Leopold Salvator, who renounced his family rights four years ago and married Wilhelmina, the daughter of a post office employee, with whom he has since lived near Geneva, is now seeking a divorce. He has summoned a Vienna lawyer to arrange terms with his wife, who has already agreed to a separation.

JEWS INJURED IN RIOT.

(Associated Press.) Bucharest, Romania, Dec. 26.—The Zionist congress, in session at Craiova, was invaded to-day by members of an anti-Jewish society. A riot ensued, during which many Jews were injured. The authorities intervened and restored order.

SIR W. HOWLAND ILL.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, Dec. 26.—Sir William Howland, who is approaching his ninety-sixth year, is dangerously ill.

JAPS SAID TO BE PLANNING REVOLT

IN THE PHILIPPINES CUBA AND HAWAII

Alleged to Have Secured Photographs of Batteries at Havana—Governor Magoon Investigating.

(Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—A cablegram to the World from Havana says: "Governor Magoon is investigating a report that the Japanese are planning an insurrection in February against American rule in Cuba, the Philippines and Hawaii. This information was given in the American press by Mr. Pardo, a government official. Five Japanese are said to have been taking photographs and measurements of the fortifications at Havana. The secret police have been shadowing the Japanese for three weeks. Governor Magoon ordered the police to warn them, but not to molest them. 'Pardoning' overheard a conversation of the Japanese, who talked of planning an insurrection among the negroes in Cuba simultaneously with the insurrection in the Philippines and Hawaii."

The Japanese plot is said to be due to the antipathy of the Mikado to the United States. This antipathy goes back to the Russo-Japanese peace conference at Portsmouth, and was accentuated by the killing of the Japanese seal poachers and expulsion of Japanese from the schools in California.

"The Japanese obtained entrance to the new batteries at Havana by pretending to be reporters from the Havana post. They are well appearing and speak five languages. They lived in poor quarters in the suburbs. They aroused suspicion and they moved to another address. Sunday the secret police found them, and they again scattered. It is said that a German acquaintance of Governor Magoon fears arrest."

LEAVES TRAMWAY COMPANY.

Arthur Lineham, Head of the Lighting Department, Tenders His Resignation.

Arthur Lineham, who has been connected with the B. C. Electric Railway Company for the past 15 years, has tendered his resignation, and on the first of the year will sever his connection with the concern to enter into partnership with Ronald Grant of the firm of Grant & Conyers. The real estate firm's name upon this change taking place will then be changed to the Grant & Lineham.

Mr. Lineham has been a very popular officer in the business of the B. C. Electric Lighting & Tramway Company. He was manager of the light and power department, a position which he worked up to through various stages, having entered into the company's employ as conductor.

On Monday Mr. Lineham was agreeably surprised by other members of the office who waited upon him and presented him with a handsome case of pipes. The presentation was made by local manager, A. T. Goward, and was accompanied by an address signed by the heads of the various departments of the company's business. The address follows:

Dear Mr. Lineham:—During the many years that you have been connected with this company, you have gained the respect and esteem of all your colleagues, and for many years have been associated with you for a long period. On behalf of the office staff we ask you to accept the accompanying gifts as a small token of the regard in which we hold you, and at the same time we wish you every success in the new undertaking on which you are entering at the New Year.

KING OSCAR'S CONDITION.

(Associated Press.) Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 26.—The morning bulletin issued by King Oscar's physician to-day announced that His Majesty's temperature is reduced, but that the condition of his heart and lungs is unchanged.

Travel on the trams was exceptionally heavy on account of the holiday season. Monday and yesterday, Monday 12,500 people were carried, Christmas Day, 5,000.

VANCOUVER TEAM DEFEATED STANFORD

IN FIRST OF SERIES OF RUGBY GAMES

Score Was Eleven Points to Nine in Favor of the Terminal City Players.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Dec. 26.—By a sensational finish to one of the greatest games of Rugby football ever played in British Columbia, the all-star Vancouver team turned what seemed like certain defeat into victory in the initial match of the series with the Stanford University team for the championship of the Pacific Coast yesterday.

The final score was eleven points to nine in favor of the Vancouver team. It was a great game all through, but the excitement of the last few minutes of the match was something that even the oldest football enthusiast will remember as long as he lives. At half time the score was six points to five in favor of Vancouver.

When the teams took the field again there was no scoring during the first 25 minutes. Then Stanford, by using mass plays in which their previous experience in the American style of the game gave them a decided advantage, scored two penalty tries, bringing the score up to nine points to six in their favor. It looked like a sure victory for Stanford, and some of the supporters of the home team were already leaving the grounds, confident that the game would end that way.

Suddenly the Vancouver team gingered up and from a throw in a splendid rush was made, which was only stopped at the Stanford's 25 yard line. The Stanford defence forced the ball back to center field again, where a second took place. In this, as in fact all through the game, the Vancouver team had the advantage, and another rush followed, which only the brilliant work of Fenton, the Stanford full back, saved from being a score.

Then with less than a minute to play the Vancouver forwards started another bayonet rush, which even the splendid interception of the Stanford team could not stop. Desperate tackling marked this portion of the play, but the Vancouver men were just a bit too swift in passing the ball for the Cardinal aggregation to save the day. Johnston, Marpoie and Churton, of the Vancouver team, participated in a splendid passing movement, the last named finally getting over the line for a try, amid a mass of arms, legs and bodies that piled five feet high. The cheering that marked this bit of play was something to be remembered, and culminated in a tremendous roar when, converted by the Vancouver team, the try, adding two more points to Vancouver's score and winning the match by a margin of two points. The cheering blew not subsided before the whistle blew for the finish of the match.

Four thousand people saw the game which was played at Recreation park in splendid weather that was more like a spring day than midwinter. W. S. Morrin, of Vancouver, was referee.

Vancouver and Stanford will play two more matches on Saturday, December 29th, and New Year's day.

CHRISTMAS DAY

CASUALTIES IN SOUTH

(Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the World from New Orleans says: "Twenty-six killed, five fatally wounded and five seriously hurt were the Christmas casualty list in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama up to 9 o'clock last night. 'In addition there was a fire loss of \$150,000 at State Line, Miss., traceable to the premature explosion of fireworks, and a \$10,000 fire loss in New Orleans as a result of a smouldering cracker. In the south fireworks are used on Christmas in preference to the fourth of July."

PROSECUTING LAW BREAKERS.

More Cases Against Railway Companies and Officials Than in Any Previous Year.

(Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 26.—The Tribune to-day says: "The year 1906 will long be remembered as one of great trials and tribulations for railways and railway officials that had broken the laws. Partaking of the zeal displayed by President Roosevelt and his administration in moving against the law breakers further stimulated to action by directions of Attorney-General Moody, and from the president himself, the various federal district attorneys during the year have conducted more legal proceedings against railroads and their officials than ever before within equal period in the history of the country. Most of these suits were brought for violations of the Elkins anti-rebate law, and in most instances they were instituted not only against the railroads and their officials, who gave the rebate, but also against the individual corporations that solicited or accepted them. In most instances the prosecutions were successful. The fines assessed aggregate many hundreds of thousands of dollars. Two men were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment under the federal conspiracy law."

JAPS IN MEXICO.

Twelve Hundred Have Been Landed and More Are En Route.

(Associated Press.) Mexico City, Dec. 26.—Warren Garrett, general agent of the Trans-Oceanic Emigration Co. of Tokyo, Japan, for Mexico, has just placed 1,200 Japanese emigrants, who left Japan last month for Mexico. These 50 train loads at Matamoros and the remainder taken to Santa Cruz, where they were landed and taken to the Oranquena plantation. Among these latter were 12 women. They will all be employed in the cotton fields. Thirteen hundred more are en route from Japan. The experiment is being made of bringing Japanese women with the men, as it is thought they will be more contented here if they have their wives with them.

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MANY PERSONS KILLED IN RACE WAR

TROUBLE SPREADS IN STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

The Number of Dead Is Placed at Fifteen—Troops Are on Duty.

(Associated Press.) Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 26.—With the number of dead placed by a conservative estimate at 15, the racial trouble prevailing throughout Kopper county, Miss., have reached a most acute stage, and unless quickly checked a race war of serious proportions, it is feared, will result.

After quiet had been restored at Wahiwalk, where the first outbreak occurred, and just after the departure of the troops sent to quell the disturbance, rioting broke out afresh at Scooba, five miles south of the latter place, and during yesterday and last night five negroes are reported to have been killed. Of this latter class reports are conflicting, some placing the number of killed and wounded at a score. Troops were immediately ordered to the scene and left Meridian early to-day.

At Wahiwalk five negroes were killed before the arrival of the troops.

At Crawford, Miss., Conductor P. N. Harrison, of the Mobile & Ohio railroad, was shot and fatally wounded by a negro last night. The negro was shot at by Harrison and before he could escape was killed by a posse. Three companions who were with the negro fled to the woods. One of these was captured and shot to death, and the others are being pursued.

Last night a negro became involved in an altercation with two white men aboard a train near Artesia, Miss., and when the station was reached was taken from the train and killed.

Besides the troops sent to Scooba to-day, 40 men from Columbia are on the scene to assist in quelling the riot. In a dispatch to Governor Vardaman last night Sheriff Froul, of Kemper county, described the situation as critical.

EXCLUSION LEAGUE ACTS.

Resolution Denouncing Roosevelt's Message With Regard to "Price" School Question Adopted.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Resolutions denouncing Roosevelt's message to Congress on the Japanese situation here, resenting his interference in the domestic affairs of this state, expressing want of confidence in Secretary Metcalf, and declaring his report to the president on the Japanese school question to be utterly unworthy of credence in any particular, and containing "numerous misstatements and misrepresentations obviously one-sided and grossly exaggerated," were adopted at a meeting of 2,000 persons held yesterday by the Japanese and Korean Exclusion League.

BOY KILLED IN MINE.

Fell Under Cars, Which Crushed His Head to a Pulp.

Michel, B. C., Dec. 26.—Dick Ecclesstone, a lad 15 years of age, was run over by one of the motors in No. 8 mine, and instantly killed yesterday. He was a brakeman on the motor train, and was riding at the head of the loaded train, while it was being pushed on to the tipple. The unfortunate lad was first discovered by Walter Altmann, who drives the motor, and he evidently fallen under the cars, the entire length of the train having passed over his head, which was mashed to a pulp, and was completely unrecognizable by his fellow-workmen. Work was ceased at once in all the mines.

SEEKING COBALT PROPERTY.

American Syndicate Has Offered Forty Million Dollars For Section Containing Rich Ores.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, Dec. 26.—It is reported that the government has been asked if it would sell for \$40,000,000 part of the Gillies limit, including that section abutting into Cobalt silver mining area, and commonly referred to as "mineralized portion." This part of the limit is very rich in silver ores, and has not been cleared of timber. Fourteen hundred men are at work clearing timber from this portion. The proposition was laid before members of the government by representatives of an American syndicate.

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THE RAILWAY WRECK
IN NORTH DAKOTA

**NINE PERSONS KILLED
AND MANY INJURED**

Several Cars Thrown Down Embankment—Wreckage Was Set a Fire By Overturned Stoves.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 25.—Nine persons are known to be dead, while 45 were injured, 24 seriously, in the wreck on Sunday of an eastbound accommodation train on the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie railroad at Enderlin, North Dakota.

The names of the dead follow: Charles Backus, Bergen, N. B.; N. J. Volkerling, Anamoose, N. D.; John Satterburg, Anamoose, N. D.; Tony Glenn, Velva, N. D.; D. J. Beresford, Medicine Hat, Alberta; H. Rosenbaum, Velva, N. D.; W. J. Danielson, Shelburn, N. D.; A. O. Anderson, Starbuck, Minn.; Nels Shannon, Kenmore, N. D. The train from Moosejaw was due at Enderlin at 11:45 p. m., but it was about two hours late. The engine was running at high speed in an endeavor to make up the lost time. As the train rounded a curve just before reaching the yards at Enderlin, a switch engine was shifting a string of box cars to a side track. The cars did not clear the main track and the passenger train collided head-on with the switch engine.

Both engines were wrecked and the passenger cars were thrown in confusion down a small embankment at the side of the track. Several of the day coaches were turned bottom side up and the passengers pinned beneath the wreckage, which took fire from the car stoves.

The passenger train was crowded with people going to spend the holidays. Most of the casualties occurred in the smoking car and the first day coach, both of which were splintered.

Enderlin is the division headquarters of the railroad, and a rescue party was soon at hand endeavoring to release the imprisoned passengers from their perilous positions. Many persons were in imminent danger from the flames, which were fast spreading through the cars. Axes were wielded by willing hands, and the roofs of the overturned cars were broken open and the dead and injured taken out as quickly as possible.

It was a race between the rescuers and the flames, but by herculean efforts all of the injured were removed before the flames reached them. Eight bodies were taken out and laid beside the track, while the injured were taken in hastily-improvised ambulances to hospitals and hotels. One man died subsequently at the hospital.

All the fatalities occurred in the smoking car, which was telescoped by the baggage car. Here also were most of those who were injured, only two occupants of this car escaping injury. There were only four physicians in Enderlin and a special train with physicians and nurses was hastily made up at Valley City and rushed to Enderlin. Only a few passengers in the day coaches were injured. None of the sleeping cars left the tracks, and in these there were no casualties. It is supposed that the passenger train had made up more of its lost time than had been anticipated by the crew of the switch engine.

The coroner began an investigation of the wreck. The engineers and firemen on both engines leaped and saved their lives.

Jury's Verdict.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 25.—The coroner's jury, which investigated the accident, returned a verdict holding the crew of the freight train responsible for the wreck and passing severe censure upon the road for placing inexperienced men in positions where failure to perform their work properly had resulted in the collision.

Beresford's Brother Dead.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 25.—T. J. Beresford, of Medicine Hat, Canada, reported dead in the Enderlin, N. D. wreck, is Devaler Beresford, younger brother of Admiral Lord Beresford, of the British navy, who had a ranch in the Sierra Madre mountains, of Mexico, south of El Paso, and another at Medicine Hat, Canada.

Three Men Killed.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 24.—Three men were killed and a dozen seriously injured in a wreck on the Sierra Pacific branch of the Sierra railroad yesterday morning. The three men are named Gallagher, Whitehouse and Chelli-photaz. Civil Engineer Newell and three Japanese were fatally injured. A special train had been sent out to bring in a wrecked construction train. On returning the special train ran away down a steep grade. The caboose, containing thirty men, was snapped off on a curve and tumbled forty feet to the bottom of the gulch.

Eighteen Persons Injured.

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 25.—Eighteen persons were injured, several seriously, and the whole trainload of three score passengers severely shaken yesterday when two day coaches and the baggage car of Southern Pacific train No. 502, bound from Oakland to Wrights, left the track on a curve near Birmingham siding and plunged seventy-five feet down an embankment.

That many were not killed outright is due to the fact that the train had slowed down before it struck the curve, where it is supposed that spreading rails caused the accident.

NEW EQUIPMENT.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—The technical committee of the general staff has recommended the adoption of an American military web cartridge belt and haversack for the Russian army. The equipment, which is put on in one piece, is far lighter than the present Russian outfit, each piece of which is donned and doffed separately. The American equipment also costs 20 cents less per man.

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THE NEW AMBASSADOR.

Hon. James Bryce Will Start For Washington in Three or Four Weeks.

London, Dec. 25.—Hon. James Bryce, the retiring chief secretary for Ireland, who is to succeed Sir Mortimer Durand as British ambassador at Washington, is arranging to leave for the United States in about three or four weeks. In the meantime he has started on a tour for the purpose of closing up his business affairs, going first to Dublin, where he is now conferring with the lord lieutenant, Lord Aberdeen, concerning the transference of Irish affairs. The early departure of Sir Mortimer Durand's successor is designed to give the latter several weeks in Washington prior to the adjournment of congress, thus permitting a renewal of the acquaintances made on the occasion of his last visit.

Mrs. Bryce will accompany her husband to Washington. Mr. Bryce's grandmother was an American.

The opinion is growing stronger in official diplomatic circles here, that Mr. Bryce will be named head of the British delegation to the next Hague peace conference. It is expected that France will join in this movement. Reports have been in circulation recently in certain capitals of Europe to the effect that Great Britain was opposed to the American plan of submitting the Drago doctrine to the Hague tribunal, but the official exchanges going on here have not disclosed the slightest opposition on the part of Great Britain to this step. Mr. Bryce's presence in Washington is expected to contribute to an arrangement whereby Great Britain and the United States may act along parallel lines.

RACE WAR.

Four Persons Reported to Have Been Killed in Mississippi.

Meriden, Miss., Dec. 24.—According to reports received here to-day, the negroes for miles round have congregated in the town of Wabakak, 40 miles north of here, threatening vengeance to the whites, because of the killing of one negro and the wounding of another, by a conductor of a passenger train on the Mobile & Ohio railroad. The conductor was attempting to quell a disturbance aboard his train. At 8:30 o'clock a message from Scooby, the first station south of the scene of the trouble, stated that a clash had occurred between the races with the result that two men were killed. This report is not verified, although railroad officials admit having received a message detailing some additional trouble.

State Troops Summoned.

Meriden, Miss., Dec. 24.—State troops have been called to Wabakak, Miss., to protect whites from negroes. The known dead are two; seriously injured two. Two whites have just been reported killed.

TORONTO NOTES.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Commander Spain, in his report regarding the wreck of the Resolute finds that the barge was in a seaworthy condition and well equipped, that the officers were all fully qualified, excepting First Mate Haney and that all reasonable measures were taken for the safety of the vessel.

General Booth, of the Salvation Army, will come to Canada in March. He will be in Toronto from the 10th to the 13th. From this city he will go to Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Japan and China.

Thirty-three cases of typhoid fever were reported in Toronto for the first day of December, three times as many as during the whole of December, 1905. Dr. Sheard ascribes it to impure water caused by the breaking of a supply pipe.

After a painful illness, Henry Wade died at the Toronto General hospital on Sunday. Mr. Wade was in his 60th year. By his death one of the best-known figures in Ontario country, if not in Canada, is removed. For a long time he held the office of registrar of live stock, and his reputation extended beyond the Dominion to many of the principal cities of the United States.

BRIDE SHOT.

Wounded By a Lunatic While She Was on Way to Be Married.

Houghton, Mich., Dec. 25.—Ida S. Helm was probably fatally shot here by a lunatic on the street, while she and her companion, a man named Johnson, both of Baraga, Mich., were on their way to Hancock, Mich., to be married.

A total stranger to the couple fired three shots, the last one taking effect in the young woman's abdomen. To the police the lunatic gave the name of Alex. Kalota, a Finn. It is said that his mind had become unbalanced by domestic troubles.

THE SLOANE MURDER TRIAL.

"Not Guilty, by Reason of Insanity," Verdict in Spokane Case.

Spokane, Dec. 24.—"Not guilty, by reason of insanity," was the verdict returned to-day by the jury in the case of Sidney Sloane, the 18-year-old boy charged with the brutal murder of his father, James P. Sloane, a pioneer merchant of Spokane.

The trial, which has lasted five weeks, was the longest and most sensational ever held in Spokane country. It was clearly proved that on the night of August 23rd, the boy came behind his father, who was eating a midnight lunch, and struck him six terrible blows on the head with an axe, then took money from the dead man's pocket, picked up the corpse, carried it down stairs, loaded it into a wheelbarrow, trundled it about two blocks

and dumped the body of his father in an alley. Returning, he made clumsy efforts to wash the blood from the rug and floor of the room. He ate part of an apple and calmly went to bed. When the body was discovered next morning he was quickly arrested and confessed the crime. He said he became enraged at things his father said about his mother.

The defence claimed the boy had shown signs of insanity from infancy. After the verdict of "not guilty," young Sloane arose as if to leave the courtroom, but was stopped. His attorney, F. C. Robertson, desires that the boy shall be sent to the insane asylum, and this will doubtless be done.

CHINESE FINANCES.

Revenue Said to Be the Largest on Record.

London, Dec. 24.—The Times' correspondent at Peking comments this morning on China's hopeful financial outlook. The revenue for the year is said to be the largest on record, but there is no data available to check the statement. Especially is the prospect brighter than during the boycott on American goods.

The United States will carry out what has been long believed to have been her intention, to return the Boxer indemnity, amounting to \$22,000,000 gold. The customs collection is the largest on record, while the appreciation of silver has enabled China to sustain a greater rate than in any previous year the burden of the payment of the Boxer indemnity. Another feature is the remarkable development in postal communications. The postal revenue is unprecedented, and there is every prospect of the reorganization of the service, reducing the existing inland rates to reasonable figures.

RUSSIAN COLONEL KILLED.

Slain by Unknown Man on His Estate in Poland.

Lukow, Poland, Dec. 24.—Colonel Obronch, commander of the Eighty-first Infantry, has been killed on his estate near here by an unknown man.

Explosives Found.

Riga, Russia, Dec. 24.—A large store of explosives for the manufacture of bombs, including a considerable quantity of pyroxyline and detonators, has been discovered at the Aetna factory, of which many of the employees are revolutionists. Seven Lettish bandits have been tried by drumhead court-martial and shot near Riga.

Ignatieff's Funeral.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—The funeral of General Count Ignatieff, who was shot and killed at Tver on December 22nd, will take place on December 26th. The body will be interred in the Alexander Nevsky monastery, one of the three largest resting-places in Russia for the country's most famous dead. Upon arriving in St. Petersburg, the body will be met by Grand Duke Constantine Constantinovich, Grand Duchess Elizabeth, widow of the late Grand Duke Sergius, and other members of the Royal Family. The widow of Count Ignatieff has received telegrams of condolence from the Emperor and Empress of Russia and from several of the crowned heads of Europe. The murder of Count Ignatieff has caused consternation among a number of ex-officials of the von Plehve and Sipiagin regimes, who have retired from the field of active administration. They now fear that their past records expose them to the same danger of belated retribution.

WHILE NOT RETREAT.

The Pope Says Church Cannot Make Any More Concessions.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The members of the Sacred College went collectively this morning to the Pope to present their Christmas greetings. The Pontiff received them in his private library and conversed in the most friendly manner with all the distinguished prelates, especially with Cardinal Gerdil, dean of the college. The chief topic was the situation in France. The Pope said that the church will not flinch from the situation taken, no more concessions being possible, but he hoped that the violence and persecution would soon result in better times.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE.

Recorded on Seismograph at the University of California.

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 24.—The Omori seismograph at the university of California recorded earthquake waves. It was indicated that a severe earthquake has occurred at a distant point. Careful measurements of the seismograph gave the following: Time of commencement, 9 hours 20 minutes 35 seconds; Pacific standard time; duration of preliminary tremor, 6 minutes 29 seconds; duration of second stage of preliminary tremor, 6 minutes 16 seconds; duration of stronger motion, 11 minutes 38 seconds. The motion is shown in the east and west component only. The average period of the waves was 16 seconds.

SAIL BOAT CAPSIZED.

Sixteen of the Twenty-five Passengers Were Drowned.

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W. W. B. MINNES.

Liberals of the province, in view of the dissolution of the Legislature, will welcome the announcement that W. W. B. Minnes, Commissioner of the Yukon, has decided to resign his important post, take part in the pending campaign, and seek election to the provincial legislature. As the friends of the government have expressed a desire for a keen fight, no doubt they will receive this intelligence with great delight also. But on that point we may be permitted to express our doubts. We know the public in general will be pleased to hear of Mr. Minnes's intention to re-enter the public life of the province. They delight in a fearless fighter, especially if intrepidity in debate be joined to a vivacious disposition, a happy disregard for hard knocks, an unequalled personal magnetism, a readiness in retort possessed by no other public man in the province, and a rollicking eloquence which carries an audience to the point of the greatest enthusiasm.

Mr. Minnes since his retirement from provincial politics has made a splendid reputation for himself as an administrator in the Yukon. His career in the Northwest may truly be described as brilliant in the extreme when we consider that he succeeded so well in a task which had proved so difficult for men of vastly greater experience. He has proved that his talents are not all wrapped up in the one important gift of excellence as a public speaker.

With the reappearance of Mr. Minnes in the field, at the solicitation of Mr. Macdonald, the opposition will be in full fighting panoply. Their leader is without a peer in the province as a keen, incisive debater and platform speaker. He is surrounded by men of proven ability and known integrity—men in whom the public have absolute confidence—material from which a government of exceptional strength can be formed, and we are confident will be formed before the new House assembles on March 7th.

DISSOLUTION.

The announcement on Monday evening of the dissolution of the Legislature did not occasion much surprise. Although members of the government and newspapers supporting the government had for months pooh-poohed the idea of an appeal to the constituencies of the province, it was evident that the Premier had made up his mind never again to meet the old Legislature. His experience with his Conservative supporters, and his more easily managed supporters affecting to stand for revolutionary doctrines, during three sessions of the now dissolved assembly had convinced him that if he risked another meeting of the House in face of a desire on the part of all the members behind his government to square themselves in the estimation of their constituents, he would be inviting disaster—the greatest disaster which could befall any such government, the right of appeal to the people as a government. The Premier is not a profound statesman, as his most devoted admirers will admit, but he does possess some of the qualifications necessary in a politician of his narrow calibre, and he knew that if forced by dire political circumstance to go before the electorate of British Columbia as the

leader of an opposition, only the remnant of his alleged Conservative organization could emerge from the fight. Therefore he determined to make the most of the situation in which he found himself. This determination has been manifest in all his doings since the prorogation of the House last spring. His programme has been to get everything in readiness for an appeal, while at the same time endeavoring to lull the opposition into the belief that dissolution was the very last thing in his thoughts. But his work was too transparent to deceive the public. His muddling of the better terms agitation was especially crude and clumsy. At the time he went to Ottawa to attend the conference of provincial premiers the Times pointed out that Premier McBride started on his mission not for the purpose of serving the interests of the province, but to promote his own personal ends as an office-holder. He went to Ottawa determined to secure an election cry; determined to create the impression that as the champion of the people of British Columbia—any measure the conference might propose for the readjustment of the financial relations between the province and the Dominion could not be satisfactory. If endowed with the capacity to understand and argue the case of the province, he appeared before the conference absolutely unprepared to discharge any such office, according to the testimony of his fellow-Conservative Premier from the other provinces. Either that or a satisfactory arrangement was the last thing he desired.

When he foresaw that the conference and the Dominion government were really anxious to do the fullest justice to British Columbia, when overtures were made for further discussion and fuller consideration, he became alarmed. Fearing his election cry might be endangered, incontinently withdrew from the provincial assembly, and to New York, finally, came to British Columbia, and immediately took the stump and elected to have his government stand or fall upon the cry of better terms. And this Premier McBride, calling keeping the issue out of party politics, a claim will bear no other interpretation than that we must accept the government as the only champion of provincial rights, putting aside the Kaien Island transaction, the gross disregard of public interests and the ignominious surrender to the demands of corporations in every transaction in which the rights of the people came in conflict with such interests.

But the Premier has deceived no one by his various political methods. His hand could be read as easily as though it had been held up for the inspection of the whole community. His organs tell us his government will appeal to the people upon its record. It will do this because it has no alternative. There is an evident belief in the mind of the Premier that such portions of this record as give forth an unsavory odor can be obscured by a process of eliminating members of the government who appear to have had most to do with their consummation. The Chief Commissioner is to be made the scapegoat. But Mr. Green's back is not broad enough to carry all the sins of the ministry off into the wilderness of oblivion. All the members of the administration are equally responsible with him for the Kaien Island land deal, the scandalous irregularities in connection with the disposition of the Klamaat lands, the surrender to one corporation of public property worth millions of dollars to which the corporation had neither moral nor legal right, or for the intention to commit more scandalous abuses still, designs which were only frustrated by reason of the unwillingness of two conscientious Conservatives to agree to any such iniquity and the assured solid opposition of the Liberal party.

In the elections judgment will be pronounced upon the record of the government, not upon the actions of any members or ex-members of it.

NO "SUCH THING" AS COMPLETE POLITICAL HARMONY.

A great load has been removed from our mind. We have always been led to believe that when the great day of economic emancipation shall come there will be but one political party—no more wrangling between rival factions, no more bitter controversy between newspapers—everything flat and stale, but profitable, because every one will be on an equality with his fellows and enjoying an equal portion of the world's goods, with the exception of the men who elect to do the real work of the new commonwealth, the street vendors and the sewer diggers, who will be recompensed in accordance with the disfavor with which their business is regarded by the lovers of genteel occupations. The latter proposition, we may say, is something of which we entirely approve. The men who create wealth have an inherent right to a recompense in accordance with the benefits they bestow upon their fellow-men. But, as we have said, a great load has been lifted from our minds. The experience of the new political and economic cult has already demonstrated that parties in politics or economics cannot be eliminated. The Socialists in Canada and the United States have not yet come into their inheritance of power, and yet they are already divided. We know this from our own experience in Victoria. The party is not a unit here. It is at cross purposes even in Nanaimo, the constituency which brought toll-worn and work-scarred Comrade Hawthorn-

thwaite into political being. It is not going to wipe all national boundary lines out of existence—that is not right away, as we observe that at a great Socialistic demonstration held in Vancouver on Sunday evening and, by the way, it is notable that the day of rest is the only day the great orators of the tribe can find time to address their fellow-laborers in the cause of economic freedom, doubtless because they are so busy earning their bread under a pernicious economic system on all other days) Comrade Hawthornthwaite advised the local Socialists to do their real fighting, if they were short of real fighting material let them send across to Nanaimo, and Nanaimo comrades would send men who "could shout as loud as any star-spangled hero of them all!" This seems to indicate that the international altruistic alliance of comrades in faith has come to naught, as it was in Seattle that Comrade Hawthornthwaite made the statement that he would live to help to pull the Union Jack from our Parliament buildings and to hoist the red flag in its stead. Furthermore our hope that political strife, which is the breath of the nostrils of all nations that mount to anything in the roster of world powers, is not going to die an unnatural death is buttressed by the fact that in Seattle the Socialists are already split in twain and have two parties in the field of reform. And the one is fighting the other harder and more bitterly than Grit ever laid on Tory.

A dispatch says that in the British House of Commons Mr. Arthur Fell asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether his attention had been called to the fact that Canadian three per cents, now stood at a higher price than some of the securities guaranteed by the British government, whether the credit of any colony ever before stood higher than the credit of the Mother Country, and what steps he should take to remedy the condition. Mr. Asquith replied that the comparative credit of the two countries could not be fairly judged by the relation prices of two stocks, one of which was directly charged upon the revenues of the first country, while the other was merely guaranteed by an indirect charge on the revenue of the second country.

It is announced that the McBride government will have candidates in every constituency in the province. Not that there is any hope of Ministerialists succeeding in such places as Nanaimo, but they may help out Hawthornthwaite, who has proved himself a good comrade of the Premier and a willing assistant in all enterprises having for their object the spoliation of the province.

A DRAIN UPON CANADA.

To the Editor:—Another argument against the general influx into Canada of Hindu, Russian, Italian, Chinese and similar hordes of "cheap labor" is found in the statement recently made by the general manager of the Dominion Express Company that \$90,000 in the average in Canada to their homeland, which is at the rate of about \$5 per month for each "pig-tail" in this country. Three-quarters of this amount is drawn from British Columbia. Six millions of dollars taken out of the Dominion each year by alien workmen here who are supporting their families in the old country, and who will finally use this money for their own comfort, in their declining years, with their families, is a very severe drain upon a young nation like Canada, and means just that amount taken from good, solid citizens who would circulate the greater part of it in general commercial channels; and even the small proportion which would be put away in the shape of savings accounts would be used in stimulating Canadian progress and Canadian institutions, necessitating its general circulation also. Hence the prudence of keeping up the bars against that class of emigrants who, either of their own accord or through some physical drawback, do not take their place as equals with Canadians and eventually grow into good citizens with their children and their children's children.

CANADIAN.

SAANICH AFFAIRS.

To the Editor:—I have been informed that a meeting of the ratepayers of the South Saanich municipality, opposed to the present council is shortly to be held, and, although not a ratepayer in that municipality, I must express the feeling that it is about time some interest was taken in the action, or rather want of action, of the council of this new municipality. Victorians are all interested in the progress and prosperity of Saanich, and are doing their utmost to assist in its settlement, yet during this year the present council have done absolutely nothing to bring the advantages and possibilities of their district before the public. At the provincial exhibition held here last autumn, when the city was visited by numerous strangers, many of whom were looking for homes, a splendid district exhibit of fruit and other products of Chilliwack was shown. Saanich was absent. The fruit exhibited by Great Britain by Mr. B. M. Palmer no mention has been made of even an apple from Vancouver Island. Was nothing sent from Saanich? If not, why not? The East is ringing with the praises of the Okanagan, and settlers are flocking to its lands. Saanich is just awaking from its slumbers, but certainly not through any effort of its council.

As a frequent traveller on the Sidney railway, let me suggest that some attempt be made to secure better train service. Trains starting an hour after time is rather slow. Light up the platforms at stations, even if the company will not, it is for the comfort of our ratepayers or prospective ones, and for mercy's sake, put up direction posts at your cross roads. Strangers have spent many weary hours through making a wrong turn. With best wishes for the success of the meeting.

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Toronto Globe.

There is cause for general satisfaction in the manner in which the British American and Western Assurance Companies have met the blow inflicted by the heavy losses in San Francisco. More than one company in the United States and elsewhere either failed to pay the losses, or was seriously weakened by the effort to meet them. The Canadian companies, by reason of the measures taken, have come through the ordeal with honor and with undiminished strength, and credit is due to Senator Cox and his associates for the courage and skill with which the emergency was met.

The plan adopted was an issue of preference stock at seven per cent. \$50,000 for the British American and \$100,000 for the Western, with a premium of twenty-five per cent. The whole amount has been underwritten, free from commission. The companies, therefore, receive for the issue \$1,375,000, and the stock will be paid for as soon as it can be issued.

The fires in Baltimore, Toronto and San Francisco piled up an aggregate of losses forming a very severe test of the resources and credit of all the companies concerned, and Canadians will feel great satisfaction that the test has been stood so well by these two companies—whose names have become household words, and whose history goes back to the day of very small things in Canada.

Samuel Beattie, a laborer, who was charged at Belfast with deserting his wife, admitted that he had left her, but said he did so because she kept him awake every night with certain lectures, and he was unable to do his work properly in consequence.

THE HUSBAND WAITS.

They came to a department store, and she remarked: "Just wait a minute."

A minute, dearest, and no more. "I'm sure I shan't be longer in it!" Whereat she disappeared and he was left, agitated and ill-desired. To pass what seemed a century in mood depressed and disconcerted.

He only said: "The day is dreary. She cometh not," he said. "My life is awesary, awesary, I would that I were dead!"

A friend passed by and gave a wink. A wink significant, inviting. Which plainly said: "Come, have a drink of something joyful and exciting."

He answered with a gesture light. The look of one detained in prison, of one within whose dungeon's night no kindly star had yet arisen.

He only said: "The day is dreary. She cometh not," he said. "My life is awesary, awesary, I would that I were dead!"

Art things and talk about what art meant.

He only said: "The day is dreary. She cometh not," he said. "My life is awesary, awesary, I would that I were dead!"

The sun was sinking in the west. "Take up thy lamp and preserve it," And still he beat for grief his chest And swore with more than Christian fervor; He had a feeling much the same. As helpless lion when it rages.

He only said: "The day is dreary. She cometh not," he said. "My life is awesary, awesary, I would that I were dead!"

During the last decade the great preponderance of girls born in the parish over boys has been noticed, and at the present moment the scholars attending the village school comprise ninety-three girls, but only eleven boys. In consequence of this, the county education authority is contemplating the substitution of a schoolmistress for the present schoolmaster.

But among those belonging to the place, the present state of affairs has aroused considerable concern, and the question of being asked where the farm laborers of the future are to come from if matters do not change.

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Sporting News

RUGBY FOOTBALL

MATCH WITH NANAIMO.

The Nanaimo Rugby team will play Victoria in this city on Saturday next. News was received by the secretary of the local organization yesterday announcing the fact.

The match will be of special interest to Victorians in connection with the approaching game in Seattle on January 5th with the team from Stanford, as the management of the local club will govern themselves by the play of Saturday in picking their team for the game south of the boundary.

Saturday's match will be the first during the present season Victoria has played an outside team. Incidentally, it is also the first time in two years that a Nanaimo team has played in this city. The game should be a good one, as the aggregation from the Coast City is a strong one.

CENTRAL V. JAMES BAY.

The practice match played yesterday between the Central and James Bay teams resulted in a win for the former by a score of 5 points to 3. The game was a brisk one throughout, the winning team's total consisting of two touches, one of which was converted.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

A DRAW.

The game between Victoria West and the Rover teams in the league series yesterday resulted in a draw, the score at the close of time standing 2-2. The game proved exciting. At the close of the first half the men from across the bay had one goal to their credit, while their opponents had failed to score. Shortly after the beginning of the second half the Rovers succeeded in landing the piskin between the posts, making the score even. The next point was secured by Victoria West, and for a time it looked as if they would hold their lead over the top notchers of the league.

In the closing minutes of play a second goal was scored, however, for the Rovers. L. York, of the Rovers, sprained his ankle slightly. It did not, however, prevent his playing to the close of time.

TO TUNNEL MONT-BLANC.

Report of Experts on Projected International Line.

The commission of experts appointed by the municipalities of Turin to report upon the projected new international line which will pass under Mont Blanc and join the valleys of the Rhone and Dora Baltea (Piedmont) has just concluded its work.

The report recommends that the line should start at Aosta (1,500 feet high) and pass through a tunnel under Mont Blanc at a height of 3,200 feet, leading to the villages of Les Houches (Canton of Valais) and Pre St. Didier. The distance between Turin and Chamonix would be reduced by 116 miles, and from Turin to Geneva by 108 miles. As the new railway and tunnel would pass through three separate countries, each government would have to bear a portion of the expense, as well as the municipalities of Turin, Chamonix and Geneva, which are most interested in the project.

FROM THE SHORE OF THE PACIFIC

Mr. J. R. MacDonald, M. P., in the Labor Leader.

My Dear Bruce—How the time flies! I am now on the other side of Canada, and the Pacific is splashing at the front of the hotel. The day after tomorrow I embark again as I did, apparently only yesterday, with Thompson and "an old Liverpool." So if I write before I get to Australia, it must be to-night. I am a man who knew of you in your ultra-revolutionary days when you wrote for the "Commonwealth" and who joined the S. D. F. in order to show that he was more moderate than you, has been discussing you, and I have you in full size before me. So I write.

I am sorry to miss the old House of Commons, but after I started I had only too good evidence that I required a holiday, and I found a friend in need in a fine, jolly type of old Scotch doctor with whom we have been travelling for some days. I am separated from him to-night only because the man to whom I have already referred discussed you and other old friends so much that we lost a boat going to Victoria, and my wife and I had to come here instead. But I am pretty well established again, and hope to be restored to good trim before I return.

It is too soon yet to write of final impressions, but my stay in Canada has been a long series of interviews and inquiries, and I must try and digest them on my way across the Pacific. But one thing is quite clear to me. I am more thankful than ever that the spirit and method of the F. L. P. dominates British Socialism. Out here there is the nucleus of a fine labor party. Our victories in the old country have been a great spur to the Trade Unionists here, and men who have been hitherto Liberal or Conservative are prepared to throw in their lot with an independent party of labor. But the Socialists do not understand the position. They are grinding away at their "class war," "economic determinism," "a class conscious proletariat," and everyone who does not agree with them is a fakir or scoundrel of some degree or other. Many members of the Socialist party fully appreciate the folly of all this, and would be only too glad to respond to a more intelligent lead, but at the moment nobody seems to be able to stand out against the existing dominating faction. A split and the formation of a Canadian Independent Labor Party on the British model would be the salvation of Socialism in this country.

The barrenness of the present Socialist propaganda is particularly noticeable in British Columbia, where its success appears to be the most marked (now writing on the 14th). This province is ripe for Socialism. Labor, miners, commercial and industrial workers, possess the bulk of its electors. It has been plied by corrupt legislators, and its resources are in the hands of one or two monopolists. This is the first Canadian province to develop the economic and political state from which

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Labor and Socialist movement like ours grows up. Within ten years the legislature here could be dominated by our people. But unless there is a change, only a wild-seething strife will be kept up. The Socialists will continue to play into the hands of the reactionaries, and the magnificent opportunities of British Columbia will never be seized upon.

Last night, at a crowded public meeting, I explained our British movement, much to the disgust of some of our "comrades," some of whom objected that I had made no provision for bayonets, and others that my "economic basis" was all wrong. I have met a considerable number of our old F. L. P. friends who have wandered westward, and they feel like fish out of water in this curious rambling propaganda. Next week, however, the Dominion Trade Union Congress meets here, and the local Trades and Labor Council, under the inspiration of "a man from New Zealand," is making various proposals for the establishment of an independent labor movement in politics. Trade Unionism here has been fired by the successes of our work at home, and next week may therefore mark a departure in Canadian labor politics.

But writing is wearisome; I wish we could have a talk. Poor, reckless Canada, like a Jubilee Plunger, is wasting its magnificent resources in grand professional style. It is hastening at the double-quick to be the slave of a company or two and a person or two. The spectacle is really tragic, and the happy-go-lucky way in which so-called able ministers and ministries show their incompetence to look beyond their noses and conserve the natural wealth and the transport facilities of this country which Providence has blessed so bountifully is more tragic still. Wait till my next N. A. C. meeting. The evening will be spent in discussing how to buy and sell Dominions with all the people thereof.

Two days have elapsed since I began this, and within a few hours I shall be plunging on the beauty sea going south. Honolulu will see us first; then the Fiji Islands; and then Brisbane. We shall be glad to get back. I have declined to change my watch, because I want to keep looking at it what you are all doing at home. I have been mostly sleeping when I am awake. But at seven o'clock by your time on the evening of the Hardie jubilee dinner I shall arrange to have a meal when it is only a bit of the Scotch cake which I am going to get to-day from a Lestemouth-baker here, so that I, too, may be at the banquet and join in all the appropriate congratulations.

I hope that the Leader flourishes, and that everything goes well with you—Yours ever,

J. RAMSAY MACDONALD.

WRITTEN IN ODD MOMENTS.

Speaking at the opening of a reading room and library at Llandrillo, North Wales, Sir Theodore Martin said: "Through all his life he had been a busy professional man, yet he had produced more books (twenty-four) than many who had devoted the whole purpose of their lives to writing books. It had been the occupation of his leisure, the occupation of odd quarter-of-hours he stole out of his business."

"K. G."

THE STORY OF THE GARTER—THE MOST VALUED ORDER IN THE WORLD.

"Knight of the Garter" is the rarest title that can be conferred by the King of England.

About one-third of the knights at the present time are reigning Kings or Emperors—the Shah of Persia, the Emperor of Japan, the Kaiser and the King of Spain being among other members of the "Most Noble Order."

It was founded far back in Edward III's reign, the date being ascribed to New Year's Day, 1344, but authorities differ. The legend—which even the romantic romances—runs to this effect: "A certain Countess of Salisbury having lost her garter at a ball, His Majesty Edward III. picked it up and restored it. When the courtiers failed to hide their smiles, the King reproved them with the words: 'Honi soit qui mal y pense,' which is still the motto of the Order. That is the legend. The words were ascribed to the motto which Edward III. selected for his second French campaign."

But it is said that the Garter existed earlier, though not under royal decree. King Richard I. having a select band of knights at Acre who wore a leathern band round the left leg.

Lady-Knights of the Garter.

One of the curious features of the Order of the Garter that distinguishes it from other orders is that lady knights can be admitted. From they are not usually included upon the roll-though Queen Alexandra has been appointed by decree, and of course, Queen Victoria as well. The "lady knights" have the right of presenting to certain ladies, royal and others, the wives and daughters of Knights of the Garter, a set of robes and jewelry which they become allied members of the Order. This practice lasted for nearly 400 years. Henry VII. being perhaps the last to exercise it, his daughter, Margaret, wife of James IV. of Scotland, being the last recorded member. The two daughters of Henry VIII, when they came to the throne, believing, perhaps, that one lady knight in the land and the rest none, discontinued it. King Charles I. had ideas of reviving the custom, but just at the time, 1633, his mind became occupied with other things.

Under Edward VII. the practice of the Knights Companion were bound to wear the Garter at all times, and if caught failing in this duty must pay in penalty a fine of £100, being the last recorded fine. On St. George's day they hasten to Windsor, and there in company make prayers and sing in the chapel. The following day they are seated, and thereafter for certain days must counter all comers in the field for the honor of their Order.

Other stringent regulations included a rule that knights must leave the kingdom without the King's special permission—a curious stipulation when one considers that many of the members now are foreign though exalted personages.

The famous garter itself is a band of blue velvet an inch broad, heavily encrusted with gold, and bearing the motto: 'Honi soit qui mal y pense' in letters of gold. Charles V. wore a garter with a blazing array of diamonds, and these he did not shrink from wearing on the scaffold.

At Windsor Castle, after the new knight has been elected by the Chapter of the Order—a ceremony which is possibly allowed to lapse—the two junior knights proceed to the door of the Chapter Room, and kneeling on the floor, they receive the new knight. The King, who carries the insignia on a cushion, conducts the newly-elected knight to the sovereign. With the assistance of the two senior knights present, the King buckles it on; then, with the senior knight kneeling, the King puts the ribbon over his shoulder.

The collar, which, like the collar of all orders, is a badge of servitude, is of gold and weighs nearly thirty ounces. It is made in twenty-six pieces, corresponding to the statute number of members in the Order, and each ring is in the form of "a garter encrusted with blue, with the motto in gold, and in the center of each garter a rose enamelled red, seeded gold, and green." The George, a dragon, hangs pendant in the center.

Insignia Presented by the King.

The star, with its brilliant red cross, was founded by Charles I. and is intended to be worn when the knight is not in his robes. This star, which has altered gradually in shape in the last 300 years, was restored by King Edward to its original shape last year. The insignia are all presented to the knight by the King, but on his death they have to be returned to the sovereign.

The mantle is of purple velvet, lined with white silk, with the badge of the Order on the left shoulder. The neck is closed by a cord of purple and gold in equal parts. Queen Victoria's mantle was nine feet in length (the knights have mantles slightly shorter than the sovereign).

The garter is worn on the left leg over a white silk stocking, and is balanced on the right leg by a plain band of white silk ribbon. Lady-Knights wear it on the left arm. The hood and surcoat are of crimson velvet lined with white taffeta.

The admission of a Knight of the Garter is one of the most gorgeous ceremonies in the world. It begins with a touch of color into court life that King Edward has revived the formal presentation at Windsor.

NEW SUBMARINE BOAT.

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The inventor claims also for his boat that it can be submerged quicker than the present type of submarines. The craft has two pairs of fins at the sides worked by electricity.

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BIDDING BY PIN AND CANDLE.

A curious old-time custom is reported from Northamptonshire. At a meeting held to select a tenancy, the old custom of sticking a pin in a candle was resorted to. After a spirited bidding, in which the vicar and several of the parishioners took part, the pin dropped to the bidding of £7.

The Birmingham fire brigade has discovered that a pet dog was the cause of a serious fire. The animal, which was a paraffin lamp, which set the room on fire. The dog was burned to death.

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NOVEL BRIDGE.

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An orchestra, consisting of eighty boys, gave a concert in which the only instruments used were common dressing combs covered with paper, at the British school, Yarmouth. The boys rendered very creditably the intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana."

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AT THE THEATRES.

Attractions at the Victoria—The "Kerry Gow" To-Morrow—The Empress Company.

The Yankee Consul. Henry Blossom's successful musical comedy, was presented before a big audience at the Victoria theatre on Christmas Eve. The piece is undoubtedly a clever one, not quite as good, however, as its reputation makes it appear. Its success seems to depend upon the eccentricity of the central character, a few very pretty numbers and an attractive and melodious chorus. Under ordinary conditions it cannot help to please even if it cannot make an audience enthusiastic. Under the conditions which prevailed on Monday evening it could hardly be said to please. The company was certainly not up to the mark, and the production suffered in consequence.

Harry Short, as Abijah Boose, is a worthy successor to Raymond Hitchcock, the master comedian who created the part. His antics are decidedly funny, and he renders the musical talks, for they are not songs, allotted to him in the generally eccentric manner which characterized all his work. Elaine von Thiele, as Papinto, is petite and vivacious, and sings a couple of pleasing numbers with rare vim. Margaret Flawn as Donna Teresa, contributes a large amount of the evening's fun. Isabel Carroll is a dainty and light footed Boultia and is heard to advantage in "We Were Taught to Walk Demurely," a pretty trio sung by Boultia, Teresa and Papinto.

Although the four leads and the half of the chorus worked hard to make the show "go," it didn't.

A Pretty Pleasing Piece.

Before a small, but very enthusiastic audience at the Victoria last night a clever company, headed by William A. Williams, produced the dramatized version of Quincy Adams Sawyer.

Nothing more wholesome or more heart-stirring has been seen here this season, and the play easily justifies its claim to be the best one ever located in New England. It deals with the advent of a young, well-bred lawyer, a perfect gentleman, into the somewhat limited society of Eastborough and Mason's corner. Who he is and for what reason he is in the country is not made very plain, but the audience does know that he is rich and clever. How he falls in love with Alice Pettengill, who is well described on the programme as beloved, beautiful and blind, and how he outwits the town bully and the town music teacher, one Obadiah Strout, a selfish "critter," makes a very pretty story. It is told to the accompaniment of three-act love stories and presents a vivid study in contrasts. The healthy fun of the husky bear and other scenes, is so laughter-provoking that it perhaps only accentuates the beautiful pathos of the blind girl's resignation. There is, however, a note of joy continually sounding in the most pathetic incidents and the audience takes leave of the characters with Alice Pettengill almost restored to sight, in the arms of the man who loves her.

As Quincy Adams Sawyer, William A. Williams played masterfully. His ease and grace, even in the most trying situations, showed polish and thoroughness and his display must be accounted a finished piece of acting. Jane Tyrrell, as Alice Pettengill, played with a wealth of expression and sympathetic comprehension of her part and her interpretation of the blind girl won tears, as well as applause, from her auditors. Zekiel as played by Dale Devereaux, is a most interesting and realistic character and Benoni Hill is a postmaster of a real country type. The company is individually and collectively excellent, the best all-round aggregation that has played this city during the present season. The play and players were of the best and the only dampening feature of last night's performance was the lack of auditors.

Empress Theatre.

"Through the Gates of Heaven," one of the strongest plays staged by the Empress stock company this season, was produced at the Fort Street theatre on Monday evening before a good sized audience. The piece is really a dramatized version of the famous book Fables, the latter name being that of the central figure in the story. The play deals with the social and moral conflict between Christianity and Paganism in the early days of Rome and its location gives a big scope for costume and scenic effects which is fully taken advantage of.

Miss Knatvold, as Fabiola, gives what is perhaps her best performance yet. The manner in which she depicts the

changing of her ideas, the new trend of her philosophy, as the influence of Christianity act upon her, leads up to her final conversion in an eminently satisfactory manner. She has full play for her emotional powers and does not neglect to take advantage of it. Probably the prettiest figure in the play is Agnes, the Christian ally, and this role, as interpreted by Annette Mullally, is most appealing. Every other character is in competent hands, and the production is assured of a continuation of the success which has greeted its first three performances.

"The Kerry Gow."

It is several years since the "Kerry Gow" has been presented in this city. It is like reviving old times to see it heralded once more and if prophecy speaks true, it will receive the same cordial welcome as of old. It has always been considered one of the greatest Irish dramas ever written, and stands today with a record of thirty-two consecutive years.

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FORMER VICTORIAN DEAD.

Rev. S. MacGregor Was Once Pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Here.

News of the death of Rev. S. MacGregor, at 15 Golden Acre Terrace, Edinburgh, Scotland, has been received in this city. The late divine was pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church here from 1876 to 1880, succeeding Rev. Mr. Summerville. In 1876 he visited Scotland in the interests of the Presbyterian church in this province, succeeded in inducing the colonial committee of the home church to send out four other ministers to this province. These consisted of Rev. George Murray, later of Nicola, Rev. Thomas Dunn, of Wharfedale, Rev. J. Nicholson and Rev. John Clyde. Upon their arrival the Presbyterian was formed, which later was absorbed by the Canadian church.

Recently a kindly letter from the former pastor was read to the congregation of St. Andrew's, congratulating them upon the announcement that the church was free of debt.

SITUATION IN FRANCE.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Mgr. Archambault, Bishop of Joliette, who reached here to-day from Rome and Paris, speaks very plainly on the situation in France. His Lordship says that it is quite useless to call France a Catholic country. Of forty-five million souls, the bishop declared that there are only ten million Catholics, and of these latter number a great many are indifferent. The government, he states, is therefore what the people want, and for thirty years past even successive ministries have been more hostile to the church and the anti-Catholic majority in parliament has constantly grown larger. Mgr. Archambault claims that had books and bad newspapers have brought about this change, and he compares France with England and Germany to the disadvantage of his own mother country.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA FRUIT.

Letter From Agent-General Tells of Magnificent Showing in London.

The following letter from the Hon. J. H. Turner, agent-general for British Columbia in London, has been received by the minister of finance and agriculture.

Dear Mr. Tallow.—Your letters of the 5th and 24th October and last ultimo received. The colonial fruit show opened yesterday. British Columbia has a magnificent show and has taken nine or ten medals, but I have not yet got full particulars. As a general show it was not successful. Canada was not represented except by British Columbia and Nova Scotia. A great disappointment to the Royal Horticultural Society, as the show was put to this late date expressly to suit Eastern Canada, on representations made to the secretary, Rev. M. W. Little, Nova Scotia had some very fine fruit, and there was a very fine lot of English grown apples shown by Bunyard, the great tree growers. They were, I think, equal to British Columbia fruit, but no doubt were grown under special conditions and extra care that can be given by nurserymen, whilst British Columbia fruit, I judge, represents partially the ordinary conditions of growth in the province. At any rate our fruit has caused increased interest and decided many more to try the province. I have had three parties of three and four persons each in this morning who were sent to go out before April next, and came to inquire about shipping their household effects.

Lord Strathcona came into the show about 5 p. m. and I took him round. He was really astonished and delighted with the exhibit, and seemed much interested in it.

It is certain that some ten or twelve families, now they realize what the country can do, and what sort of a climate it must have to produce such beautiful fruit, will be leaving the next few months, and all with capital and money more may be influenced the same way. The show next week at Kingston, coming after the result of this one, will have still greater effect. I anticipate.

Last night we had at the refreshment room of the Royal Horticultural Society a gathering of British Columbians: Mr. M. Cross, Mr. McInnes, formerly of Esquimalt, Mrs. Bosworth, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones and daughters, and many others with English friends. Lady Evelyn Cecil, niece of the late Lord Salisbury, Lady Anson, and others, with friends, also carefully inspected the fruit, saying they had many friends who thought of going out.

I have a lot of letters to write to-day, and then go to the show again, so must close.

(Sgd.) J. H. TURNER.

CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRATS.

Russian Authorities "Take Action Against Prominent Members of the Party."

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—Professor Paul M. Milukoff, president of the Constitutional-Democratic party, who has been slated to become the floor leader of the party in the next parliament, has been declared ineligible to election in the Lower House, because he has not the necessary residence qualifications. Prof. Sergei Mouronitz, off, who was president of the last Lower House, and a number of other former members, have been declared not only from standing as candidates, but even from voting in the elections. Administrative measures against the Constitutional-Democrats are being sharpened as the date of the elections near. They are not permitted to hold meetings, and printing establishments have been forbidden under very severe penalties to publish their literature.

Polish Leader.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 24.—The Central Poland election committee, consisting of 41 representatives of Polish parties, to-day unanimously elected Henry Scienkiewicz, the novelist, to be president of the committee.

OTTAWA BIGAMY CASE.

Henry Wank Allowed to Go on Suspended Sentence.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Henry Wank, charged with bigamy, has been allowed to go on suspended sentence by the police magistrate. Wank married a girl who was in the Home for Friendless in order to allow her to leave the home, otherwise she would have to stay for a year. As soon as the marriage ceremony was over the girl left the city. The marriage was with the consent of Wank's wife.

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POPULAR COUPLE WED.

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At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother, only the families and immediate friends of the young couple being present. The large number of gifts received by the contracting parties showed the esteem in which they are held.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeming left on the Indianapolis for a tour of Fortia and the Sound cities. On their return in about two weeks' time they will take up their residence on Esquimalt street.

INDIAN BOY DROWNED.

"An Indian boy, son of Johnny Lewis, was drowned near Nicomen Island, two or three days ago," says the New Westminster News. "The lad, with an older brother had gone across to Sumas, duck shooting. In crossing the river, a sudden squall upset the canoe, and both were thrown into the water. The older man managed to cling to the canoe and was rescued by his father, but the younger brother was carried away by the current and was drowned."

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 25.—5 a. m.—The barometer is low over California, accompanied by heavy rain, while over this province it is high and the weather fine and cold, with a strong easterly gale at Cape Plattery. Heavy snowfalls are reported about Butteford and Prince Albert, and zero temperatures are again becoming general in the prairie provinces.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday: Victoria and vicinity—Northerly winds, continued fair and cold.

Lower Mainland—Northerly winds, continued fair and cold.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 32; minimum, 21; wind, 6 miles N.; weather, clear.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 28; minimum, 26; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, 26; minimum, 26; wind, 10 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, zero; minimum, 2 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 54; minimum, 54; wind, 18 miles S.; rain, 40; weather, rain.

Port Simpson—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 30; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, zero; minimum, 2 below; wind, 4 miles S.W.; weather, clear.

RADCLIFFE MAY RESIGN.

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 24.—Radcliffe, the lawyer, may never again officiate at an execution. The executioner passed through Fort William yesterday, en route for the Pacific Coast, where he hanged Featherstone. He was on route to his home in Toronto. He is not the Radcliffe of old. His much mooted buoyancy has gone and in its place has come reserve and a wrecked nervous system. "I am a sick man," he said in a talk. "I have been sick a long time, very sick." Asked if he would return West next month to hang the men condemned in Winnipeg and Port Arthur, he replied that he did not know. "I must have rest first, lots of rest."

Arrived Too Late

We have just received a delayed shipment of Holly Paperies in Azure White and Gray. Intended selling these at 35c, 40c and 50c a box. They make excellent Christmas gifts. Have decided to clear the lot out, 500 boxes at 20c, 25c and 30c a box, and will print initials or names on paper in gold or silver for 50 cents. This is an unusual offer. For the balance of the week we will sell our local Christmas Cards 10 cents each, 3 for 25c and 7 for 50 cents. Any one buying \$1.00 worth of these cards will receive 100 printed visiting cards for 75c (just half our regular price).

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NEBOGATOFF IS SENTENCED TO DEATH

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Four Other Officers Also Condemned—Court Will Ask Czar to Exercise Clemency.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—The court-martial which has been trying Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff and 78 officers of his squadron for surrendering to the Japanese at the Battle of the Sea of Japan on May 28th, 1905, handed in its decision last night.

Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff, Commander Lichens of the coast defence ironclad, General Admiral Aparxine, Rear-Admiral Gregorieff of the coast defence ship, Admiral Benlavin and Lieutenant Smirnov, who succeeded to the command of the battleship Nicholas II., were sentenced to death, but in view of extenuating circumstances and the long and otherwise blameless careers of these officers, the court will petition the Emperor to commute the sentences to ten years' imprisonment in a fortress.

Four other officers are sentenced to short terms of imprisonment in a fortress, while the remainder are acquitted of the charges brought against them.

The trial of Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff and the officers of his squadron began in St. Petersburg on December 5th. The accused were divided into three categories—first, Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff and the commanders of the battleships; second, the officers who advocated the surrender; and third, the officers who did not endeavor to prevent the surrender.

The first group of officers was tried under the paragraph of the navy regulations which provides for the punishment by death of any commander of a squadron or ship who surrenders without a fight when he could save his crew or inflict damage upon the enemy.

The sentences passed upon Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff and the three commanders are similar to those handed down in the cases of the naval officers who were condemned by court-martial for surrendering the torpedo boat destroyer Dehovl to the Japanese. These sentences were coupled with a similar recommendation to the Emperor for mercy, and such intercession generally has proved successful.

The lawyers for the defence in the Nebogatoff trial, a majority of whom are active politicians, devoted most of their attention to the political aspects of the case.

The government prosecutor in his closing address declared that the infliction of the death penalty under the circumstances was out of harmony with the spirit of the times, but he declared that the guilt of the officers in question found no example in history.

Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff, he said, could at least have transferred all his commands to one battleship and then sunk the remainder of his squadron.

The rear-admiral made an emotional reply in which he dwelt upon the ignorance of the prosecutor, who, he said, has worn the uniform of the navy for only one year.

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